

FATE OF STRAITS IS HANGING IN THE BALANCE

ALTHOUGH TURKS SEEM CONFIDENT

Land Forces May Be Necessary to Help Win Possession of the Dardanelles.

BAD WEATHER INTERFERES

French Admiralty Holds Out Hope That Some of Bouvet's Crew is Saved.

LONDON, March 20.—With the Russian Black sea fleet reported knocking at the doors of the Bosphorus and six allied battleships renewing the bombardment of the Turkish positions on the Dardanelles, the fate of the straits is today hanging in the balance, according to opinion freely expressed in London. Nevertheless, reports from Turkish sources still profess supreme confidence in the impregnability of the defending forts, which, it is claimed, have successfully sustained a bombardment extending over twenty-one days.

The reports of the British admiralty giving news of the sinking of three battleships, two British and one French, is rather hazy as to the results achieved by this sacrifice and it gives weight to the growing belief that the straits will not be won until the naval operations are supported by effective land forces. The bombardment of Friday was interrupted by bad weather, but it is anticipated that the operations will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The French admiralty, while expressing the hope that some members of the crew of the battleship, Bouvet, have been saved, confirms reports from neutral sources that the French battleship, Gaulois, also suffered severely in the battle of March 18.

Although Turkish official sources minimize the effect of the bombardment and declare that Constantinople is not afraid, intelligence received from other near eastern points sets forth that negotiations already have begun with the American embassy to act as an intermediary to save the Ottoman capital from the guns of the allied warships.

Rumors of the destruction of the German sea raider, Karlsruhe, have received some confirmation by the guarded statement of the British admiralty that there is every reason to believe that this cruiser was sunk in the West Indies in November.

Relative inaction prevails along both battlefronts in Europe which again seem to have relapsed into the condition of siege warfare which prevailed during the winter. Austrian reports by way of Berlin claim that the Russian offensive movement in the Carpathians through the Luikow pass has resulted in failure, but direct reports from both Vienna and Petrograd agree that Austrians as well as Russians are making attacks and counter attacks in the Carpathians without any decisive results. The Germans still are bombarding Ossowetz without success, according to the Russians, who claim to have destroyed the advance trenches of their antagonists. Neither side reports any important actions on the western front during the last week.

PRUSSIAN PORT IS TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

BERLIN, by wireless, Mar. 20.—Memel, the Prussian port on the Baltic, has been occupied by the Russians, according to the German official statement today. No other activity is reported from the east.

In the west French attacks north of Verdun have been repulsed with heavy losses. In the fighting near St. Mihiel German troops occupied a French position south of the heights of Loretta.

QUESTION OF CONCESSION WELL UNDER WAY NOW

ROME, via Paris, Mar. 20.—Unofficial negotiations to determine the question whether territorial concessions should be made by Austria or Italy before or after the war, it is asserted here, are in progress between Count Volpi, who conducted similar negotiations in bringing about peace between Italy and Turkey in 1912, and Kasatan Mere, former Austrian ambassador at Rome. Having failed to reach an agreement at Vienna they have come to Rome to continue their discussions.

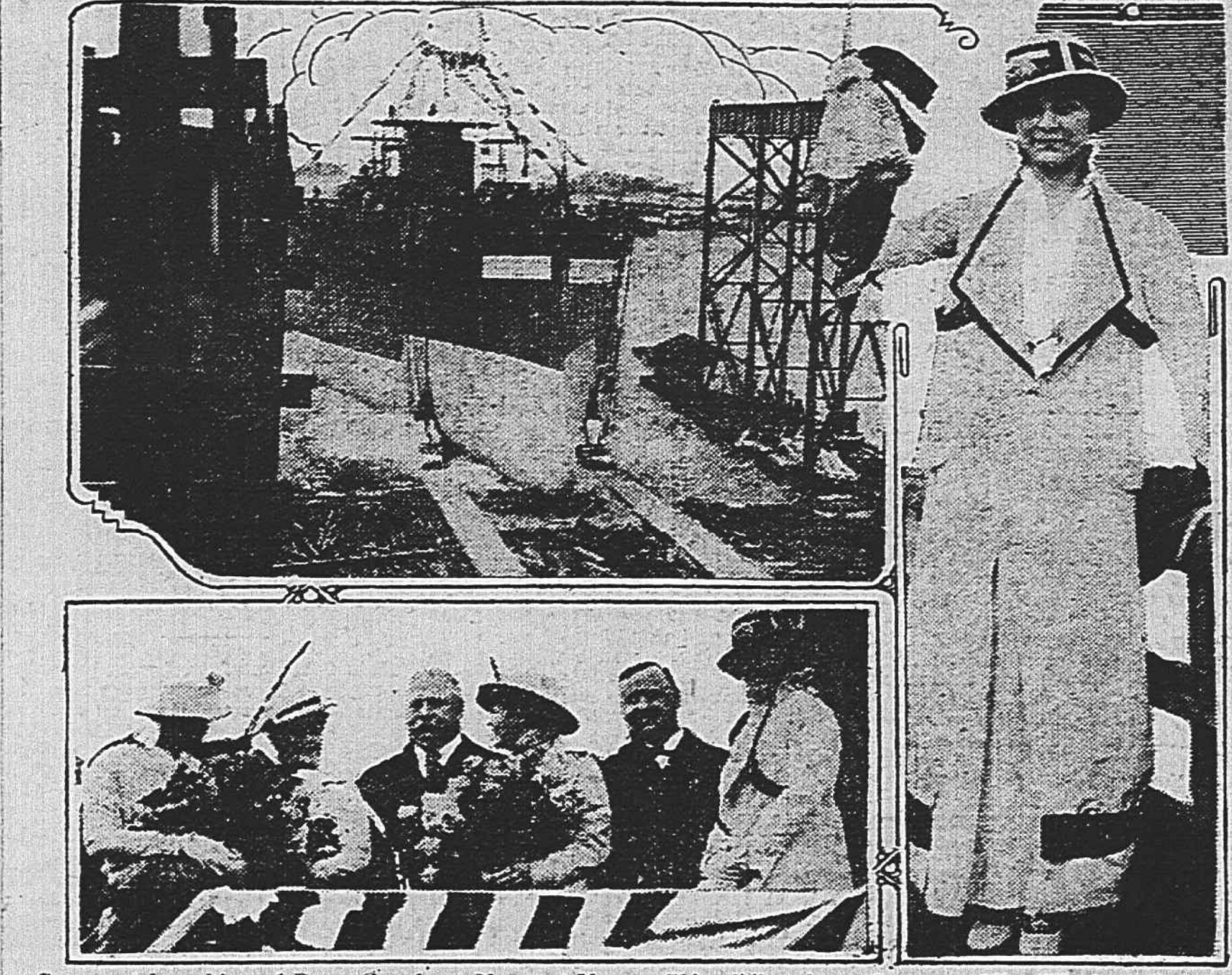
HALF BILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGE IS DONE

LONDON, Mar. 20.—Statistics published in Petrograd concerning losses to property in Russian Poland as a result of the German invasion gives the total number of towns and large villages destroyed as ninety-five. It is said that 4,500 small villages were devastated, 1,000 of them having been burned. These figures apply to ten Polish provinces. The damage is estimated at more than \$500,000,000.

AUSTRIAN COAST IS INCLUDED IN ORDER

ROME, via Paris, Mar. 20.—Commanders of the allied fleet in the

WHEN PENNSYLVANIA, GIANT OF NAVAL GIANTS, WAS LAUNCHED: NEWEST BATTLESHIP TO BE WORLD'S BIGGEST WHEN COMPLETED



Scenes at launching of Pennsylvania at Newport News. Ship sliding down the ways; Miss Elizabeth Kolb holding bottle she broke on its prow; party on launching stand, including Governor Stuart of Virginia (left), Secretary Daniels and Miss Kolb (extreme right).

These pictures were taken at Newport News, Va., at the launching last Tuesday of the new battleship Pennsylvania. This newest American dreadnought is the largest battleship afloat and beats the Queen Elizabeth, the biggest ship of the British navy, by nearly 4,000 in tonnage. The Pennsylvania was christened by Miss Elizabeth Kolb.

COUPLE JAILED

To Await Hearing on Charge of Living Together Unlawfully.

A couple whose names are given as M. S. Alkire and Cora Campbell are imprisoned in the county jail awaiting hearings on a charge of living together unlawfully on a farm three miles east of Bridgeport. They were arrested there Friday evening and brought to the jail by Constable Wirt Stout on a warrant that had been sworn out in Magistrate W. E. Starcher's court here on information by J. H. Tenney. They are to have a hearing within a day or two.

PNEUMONIA FATAL

Mrs. Harriet Hutton Pew Dies after a Short Illness.

Mrs. Harriet Hutton Pew, aged 36 years, wife of C. H. Pew, former store manager of the Perry mine store of the Consolidation Coal Company, died at 11:30 o'clock Saturday morning at her home at Perry mine after a week's illness of pneumonia. The deceased woman is survived by her husband, four children, two sisters and a brother. No funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

RATE CASE REOPENED.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Formal orders reopening the express rate case were issued today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Hearings will be held at dates to be named later. Pending such hearings, however, no changes in rates may be made.

Mrs. Clarence Lowe, of Salem, was shopping in the city Friday.

BUILDING OF LONG TELEPHONE LINE

From New York to Frisco is to Be Shown in Motion Pictures at Waldo.

With the idea of giving the public an insight into the interior workings of a mammoth telephone system, officials of the plant department of the Bell Telephone Company have arranged to show motion pictures of the construction of the trans-continental line between New York and San Francisco, in connection with an instructive lecture by J. D. Gordon, of Wheeling, plant superintendent, in the dining room of the Waldohotel at 8 o'clock next Thursday evening. In addition to the motion pictures, which were filmed by the Pathe company, a number of slides, showing the operating and rest rooms of different plants in this section, will also be shown.

The entertainment will be under the auspices of the board of trade. It is the especial aim of the telephone officials to have as many business men as possible in attendance in order that they may see the many troubles encountered by the company in giving good service. However, an invitation is extended to the general public to attend the entertainment, which will be educational and instructive.

The motion picture, which is entitled "Spinners of Speech," shows the construction of the trans-continental line, many of the plants en route where connections are made and gives an insight into the hardships entailed in building the line. Arrangements are being made to add humor to the evening's entertainment.

E. H. Ritter, of Uniontown, Pa., district manager, and T. F. Irvine, of Fairmont, district plant superintendent, have charge of the arrangements and they will be in attendance at Thursday evening's entertainment.

PEACE DAY

Services Will Be Held in Church of the Immaculate Conception Tomorrow.

Special Peace Day services will be held at the church of the Immaculate Conception Sunday, the day set aside for that purpose by Pope Benedict. At the close of the 10:30 o'clock mass the special services will start and continue all day, closing with the evening vespers service. Special children's prayer service will be held at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. On account of the time devoted to the prayer service no sermon will be preached.

GOES AFTER FRUIT.

B. T. Southern, manager of G. W. Southern and Sons' fruit farm at Terra Alta, will have a lot of fine eating and cooking apples for delivery Monday. Mr. Southern went to Terra Alta today and will return on Monday. He will have headquarters at the Walker house.

NOTHING TO TELL.

PARIS, via London, Mar. 20.—The report of the French war office this afternoon confirms to the simple statement that there was nothing to communicate.

BOMBS DROPPED.

LONDON, Mar. 20.—A German aeroplane dropped several bombs today off Deal, a sea port on the strait of Dover. The bombs all landed in the sea. A patrol boat opened fire on the aeroplane which turned and disappeared.

NO WORD FROM WIFE AND CHILDREN OF CHICAGOAN MURDERED IN MEXICO

Mrs. John B. McManus and her children, Thomas and James.

No word has been received by her friends and relatives in this country from Mrs. John B. McManus, wife of the former Chicagoan and wealthy Mexican mine and ranch owner, who was killed in Mexico last week while trying to defend his property from Zapata's looters. When heard from last Mrs. McManus was at the Hotel Gervais in Mexico City with her four children, James, aged seven; Thomas, five; John, three; and Ruth, eighteen months old.

SEA BATTLE SEEN IN IRISH CHANNEL

By Passengers on the British Steamer, Lapland, Reaching New York Today.

ITALY PREPARED.

(By Associated Press.) Rome, via Paris, Mar. 20.—The military authorities have caused to be distributed to Italian soldiers the identification card or badges which are worn customarily only during an active campaign. This incident is regarded in some quarters as highly significant of Italy's preparedness for any eventuality.

EIGHT VESSELS LOST

By the British in a Week as the Result of Raids Made by German Submarines.

LONDON, Mar. 20.—German submarine raids during the week ending March 17 resulted in the loss of eight British vessels with a total tonnage of 22,925 out of 1,339 arrivals and sailings, according to a summary issued today by the admiralty. Three other vessels which were torpedoed were able to reach port. The total losses to British commerce from the beginning of the war to March 17 were 96 merchant vessels and 47 fishing vessels.

SWORD DUEL

Is Fought by French Officials and Both Are Wounded after Furious Encounter.

PARIS, Mar. 20.—A duel with swords resulting from a dispute about official business was fought yesterday by M. Chapron, prefect of the department of the Marne, and Maurice Roger, mayor of Epernay, in the park of a country house. Chapron was wounded in the left arm and Roger in the right wrist after a long and furious encounter. The adversaries refused to be reconciled after their combat.

FIRST CIRCUS

To Play West Virginia This Spring Will Be the Ringling Brothers.

The first circus to play West Virginia this spring will be the Ringling Brothers' outfit. It is billed to play Parkersburg May 7, and will likely come to Clarksburg the next day. It is usual for the Barnum & Bailey show to come west through West Virginia about the same time that the Ringling outfit hits the state, eastbound, but no intimation of this route is at hand now.

BLOOD POISON

Causes Death of Mrs. Lorena Parrill, Wife of Uriah Parrill, of Williams Street.

Mrs. Lorena Parrill, aged 75 years, wife of Uriah W. Parrill, of 104 Williams street, passed away at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning, after an illness of blood poisoning.

The deceased woman is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter. The sons are Frank M. and John Parrill, both of this city. The daughter is Miss Olga Parrill living at home.

The funeral arrangements have not been made as yet.

Many precious stones may be "reconstructed," but not the emerald.

GLASS PLANTS CLOSING DOWN

For a Period of Thirty Days in Order to Save the Glass Market.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Mar. 15.—The Glassworker says: Curtailment of window glass production which has been agitated for several weeks past, is on with a vengeance.

It is safe to say that by this evening there will be a complete temporary shutdown of the hand plants of the United States.

The shutdown will be for about thirty days, in which time it is hoped that the large stocks on hand may be worked off.

Some of the plants closed Tuesday: some shut down yesterday, and others are to close today.

The surprising feature of the situation is the attitude of the glassworkers, who in almost every instance, voted almost unanimously in favor of a shutdown.

Among the hand plants in the "curtail list" are the Vincennes, Brownsville, Buckeye, Fairmont, Sistersville, Lafayette, Masontown, Sandusky, Pleasantville, Cameron, Sapulpa, Salem, Peersess, Lawrence, Fairchance, Huntington, Independence, Mannington, Buckhannon, Allegany, Utica and Licking.

The American is now running on forty-three per cent capacity, and there is a rumor that this may be decreased, the Monongahela plant being mentioned as possibly about to shut down temporarily.

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company is operating at a lower percentage of production than the American. Its plant at Sandusky is to go out for the balance of the fire, and one tank at Mt. Vernon is to be closed for repairs shortly. The other Mt. Vernon plant is now working on some orders, but it is reported that as soon as this glass is finished it will be shut down for very extensive repairs, and may not resume this fire.

The United Glass and Door Company, Ponca City, Okla., also and many other plants, also are shut down.

SECOND CUT

In the Price of Crude Oil Made within a Week in Pittsburg Market.

PITTSBURG, Mar. 20.—The second cut in the price of crude oil within a week was announced here today when the principal purchasing agents gave out the following quotation at the opening of the market:

Pennsylvania crude, \$1.40; Mercer Black and New Castle, \$1; Corning, 85 cents; Cabell, \$1; Somerset, 82 cents; and Ragland, 65 cents.

The new prices represent a cut of five cents on Pennsylvania crude, Corning and Cabell, and two cents on the others except Ragland which remains unchanged.

PNEUMONIA

Causes Death of George Smell, of Martinsburg, at Mt. Clare.

George Smell, aged 36 years, of Martinsburg, died at 8 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of Andy Spinash, at Mt. Clare, after a short illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Smell was formerly employed by the Blair Limestone Company at Martinsburg, but on account of business being dull he was laid off and came to Mt. Clare in search of employment and was stopping at the home of his friend, Mr. Spinash, when taken ill.

He is survived by his widow and six children. His widow was notified of his death Saturday morning, and no funeral arrangements will be made until she is heard from.